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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SCHUTYSER ET AL.

Examiner

Kriellion A. Sanders

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 11-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 11-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-8 and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by EP 0 814 104.

3. The reference anticipates the use of at least one 1,3,5 triazine compound corresponding directly to those of the present claims. The description of at least one indicates that more than one may be present. Therefore, a mixture of these compounds is anticipated. The compounds are formulated into coatings. See claims 1, 9 and 16 and page 4, line 6 through page 5, line 32.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 4/04/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the carbamate moiety that is attached to the constituent triazine group of the of the aminoplast curing agent of the EP reference is “not the same as that carbamate moiety (-COOR as X) that is attached to the triazine group(s) in the present application. This argument is not understood. The group –COOR is not a carbamate group. Applicant is further advised that groups R1 through R7 of the European patent correspond to those of applicant's triazine compounds.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 0 814 104 as applied to claims 1-8 and 13-19 above, in view of the EP 0 814 104 patented disclosure at page 7, Examples 1 and 2 and further in view of WO 98/18856.

6. The EP reference describes a method for making carbamate-modified melamine wherein a base is mixed with the melamine, followed by addition of an organic carbamate, neutralization by an acid purification of the substance by vacuum strip and addition of alcohol. The process differs from applicant's process in the purification method. Filtering and washing of substances is a well known purification process in the art. This is documented by WO 98/18856, in Example 1, wherein carbamate-modified melamines are produced. In the absence of unexpected results attributable to the purification step of filtering and washing, the use of either filtering and washing or vacuum strip would have been well within the realms of the ordinary practitioner of this art absent a clear showing of unexpected results attributable to the purification step.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 4/04/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Again, applicant maintains that the carbamate moiety that is attached to the constituent triazine group of the of the aminoplast curing agent of the EP reference is "not the same as that carbamate moiety (-COOR as X) that is attached to the triazine group(s) in the

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present application. As stated above, this argument is not understood. The group –COOR is not a carbamate group. Applicant is further advised that groups R1 through R7 of the European patent correspond to those substituent groups attached to applicant's triazine compounds.

7. Claim 1-8 and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 98/18856, Forgione et al., US Patent No. 4710542, Gehret et al., US Patent No. 4732899, Gupta et al., 5852133, and Flood et al, US Patent No. 6063922.

8. The WO 98/18856 reference discloses the use of mixtures of 1,3,5 triazine compound corresponding directly to those of the present claims. The references to Forgione et al., Gehret et al., Gupta et al. and Flood et al. disclose carbamate modified triazine compounds that directly correspond to those of applicant's mixtures of compounds. The patents are silent to the percentages of carbamate groups present on the triazine rings. However, the presence of the carbamates is inherent to the compositions and there is overlap in the present and patented triazine structures, rendering applicant's claims obvious. The triazine compounds of the patents are formulated into coatings.

9. See the WO 98/18856 reference at the abstract, claims 1, 4 and 6 and page 5, line 1 through page 7, line 6.

10. See claim 1 of Forgione et al., Gehret et al., Gupta et al. and Flood et al.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 4/04/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out

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how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references. Applicant has not clearly indicated the structural differences between the present and patented inventions.

Information Disclosure Statement

Prior art cited on form 1449 must include both a month and year of publication to be fully considered and initialed on the form.

Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kriellion A. Sanders whose telephone number is 571-272-1122. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 6:30-7:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on 571-272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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